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Amendment

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This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 3, 2001. In the Final Office Action, claims 34-50 are rejected.

## In The Claims:

Claims 1-33. (canceled)

Claim 34. (currently amended) A stent constructed from a metal tube, the stent comprising:  
a plurality of interconnected first expansion struts, the first expansion struts forming a first serpentine expansion column having a proximal end region and a distal end region, the first serpentine expansion column defining a continuous closed path about the circumference of the stent,

a plurality of interconnected second expansion struts, the second expansion struts forming a second serpentine expansion column having a proximal end region and a distal end region, the second serpentine expansion column defining a continuous closed path about the circumference of the stent,

a plurality of interconnected third expansion struts, the third expansion struts forming a third serpentine expansion column having a proximal end region and a distal end region, the third serpentine expansion column defining a continuous closed path about the circumference of the stent,